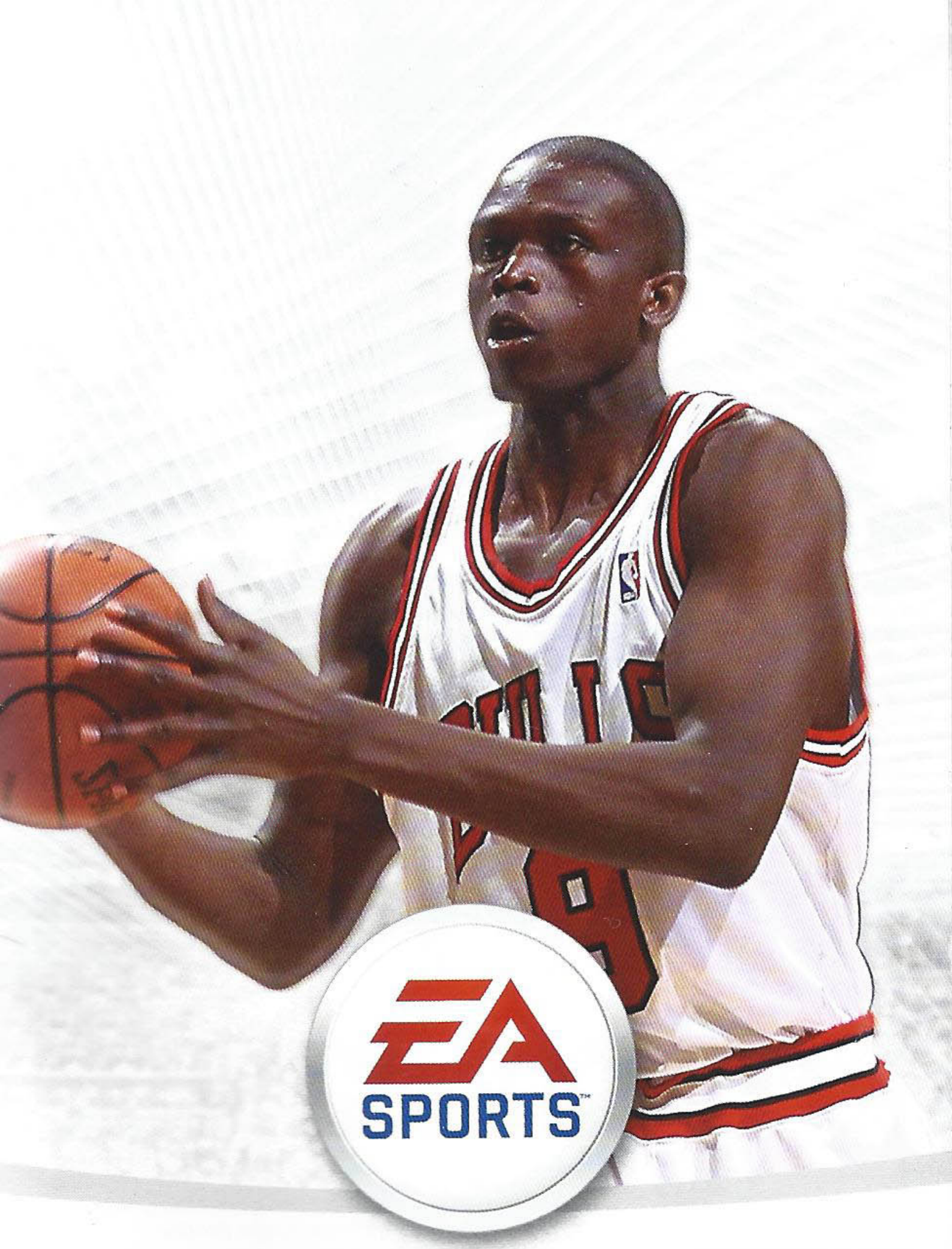

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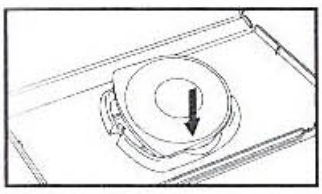

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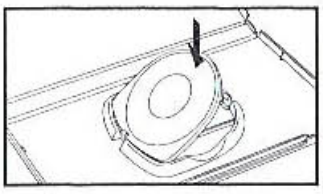

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This PSP™ (PlayStation®Portable) Game includes System Software update data for the PSP™ system. An update will be required if an "update request" message is displayed on-screen at game start-up.

Performing a System Software update

The update data is displayed with the icon shown here on the Home Menu.

By following the on-screen instructions, you can update the System Software of the PSP™ system. Before performing the update, check the version number of the update data.

- **During an update, do not remove the AC Adaptor.**
- **During an update, do not turn off the power or remove the PSP™Game.**
- **Do not cancel the update before completion as this may cause damage to the PSP™ system.**

Checking that the update was successful

Select "Settings" from the Home Menu, and then select the "System Settings" option. Select "System Information" and if the "System Software" version number displayed on-screen matches the version number of the update data, then the update was successful.

For details on System Software updates for the PSP™ system, refer to the following website: **eu.playstation.com**

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This PSP™Game software has a preset Parental Control Level based on its content. You can set the Parental Control Level on the PSP™ system to restrict the playback of a PSP™Game with a Parental Control Level that is higher than the level set on the PSP™ system. For more information, please refer to thePSP™ system Instruction Manual.

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PARENTAL CONTROL LEVEL	PEGI RATING AGE GROUP
9	18+
7	16+
5	12+
3	7+
2	3+

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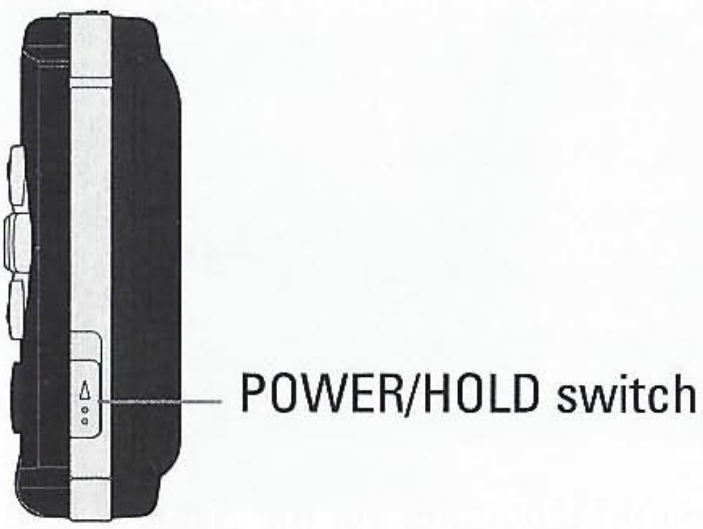

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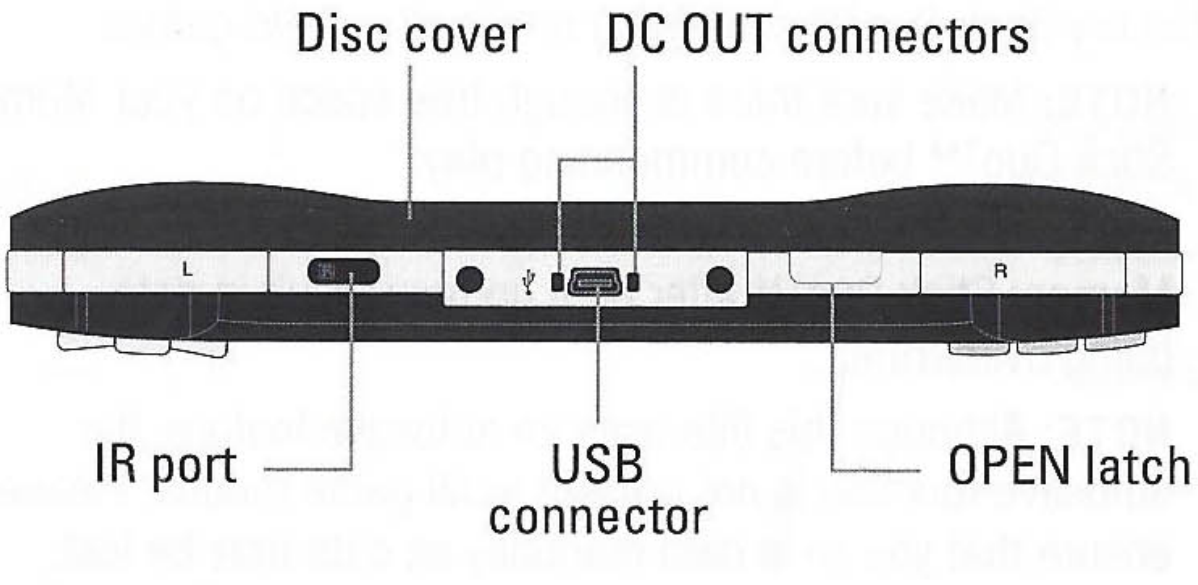


connector

1. Set up your PSP™ (PlayStation®Portable) according to the instructions in the PSP™ system Instruction Manual.
2. Turn the PSP™ system on. The POWER indicator lights up in green and the Home Menu is displayed.
3. Press the OPEN latch to open the disc cover. Insert the *NBA LIVE 09* disc with the label facing the rear of the PSP™ system and then securely close the disc cover.
4. From the Home Menu, select the icon and then the icon. A thumbnail for the software is displayed. Select the thumbnail and press the ✕ button to start the software.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

NOTE: Do not eject a PSP™Game disc while it is playing.

MEMORY STICK DUO™

Warning! Keep the Memory Stick Duo™ out of reach of small children, as the Memory Stick Duo™ could be swallowed by accident.

Warning! Do not push the POWER/HOLD Switch whilst data is being uploaded from the PSP™Game disc as this may cause data corruption.

This title uses an autoload feature on boot up where any data present on the Memory Stick Duo™ will be autoloaded.

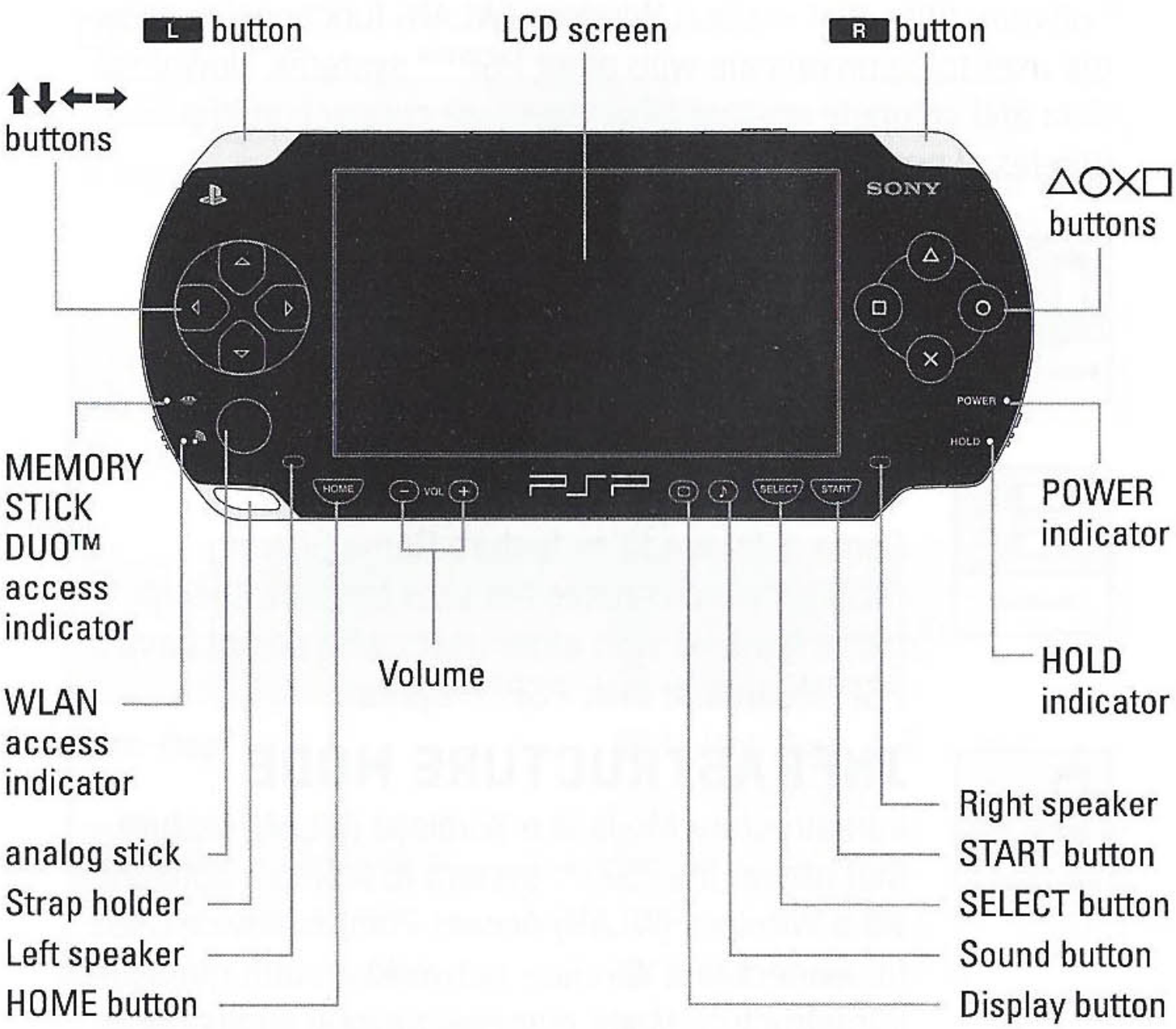
Select your desired language via the System Home Menu. To save game settings and progress, insert a Memory Stick Duo™ into the Memory Stick Duo™ slot of your system. You can load saved game data from the same Memory Stick Duo™ or any Memory Stick Duo™ containing previously saved games.

NOTE: Make sure there is enough free space on your Memory Stick Duo™ before commencing play.

NOTE: This title uses an autosave feature. Insertion of a Memory Stick Duo™ after boot up may result in data being overwritten.

NOTE: Although this title uses an autosave feature, the autosave function is not present in all game modes. Please ensure that you save data manually as data may be lost.

PSP™ SYSTEM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START button
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WIRELESS (WLAN) FEATURES

Software titles that support Wireless (WLAN) functionality allow the user to communicate with other PSP™ systems, download data and compete against other users via connection to a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN).

AD HOC MODE

Ad Hoc Mode is a Wireless (WLAN) feature that allows two or more individual PSP™ systems to communicate directly with each other.

GAME SHARING

Some software titles feature Game Sharing facilities which enable the user to share specific game features with other users who do not have a PSP™Game in their PSP™ system.

INFRASTRUCTURE MODE

Infrastructure Mode is a Wireless (WLAN) feature that allows the PSP™ system to link to a network via a Wireless (WLAN) Access Point (a device used to connect to a Wireless network). In order to access Infrastructure Mode features, several additional items are required, including a subscription to an Internet Service Provider, a network device (e.g. a Wireless ADSL Router), a Wireless (WLAN) Access Point and a PC. For further information and setting up details, please refer to the PSP™ system Instruction Manual.

COMPLETE CONTROLS

OFFENSE

Move player	Analog stick
Shoot	◉ button (press and hold to jump then release to shoot; tap to fake)
Pass (direction of Analog stick selects receiver)	⊗ button
Dunk/Lay-up/Follow-in	◉ button (double-tap to adjust your shot)
Freestyle dribble	L button + ▢ button, ⊗ button, ◉ button, or △ button
Pro-hop	▢ button (tap) + Analog stick (towards basket)
Back down defender (protect ball)	△ button
Ally-oop pass (when teammate has clear lane to the basket)	⊗ button + ◉ button
Direct pass	L button (twice) + ▢ button, ⊗ button, ◉ button, or △ button
Turbo	R button (hold)
Quick play	Directional buttons
Call timeout	**SELECT** button
Pause game	**START** button

LOW POST MOVES

To back your defender down, press and hold the △ button and choose one of the following moves:

Slam dunk	Analog stick toward basket + ◉ button when close to the basket
Fade away jump shot	Analog stick away from basket + ◉ button

REBOUNDS, TIPS, AND DUNKS (WHILE BALL IS IN MID-AIR)

Mid-air rebounds	△ button (hold when near basket)
Tip-slam	□ button (hold when near basket)
Tip-in	○ button (hold when near basket)

CALL-FOR-PASS INBOUNDING

Move pass receiver	Analog stick
Call for pass	✕ button
Strategic player switch	
—best 3-point shooter	Directional button ←
—closest man to the basket	Directional button ↑
—best free throw shooter	Directional button →
—best ball handler	Directional button ↓

FREE THROWS

The T-Meter™ allows you to shoot free throws when on the line. For best accuracy, aim by pressing the ✕ button, □ button, or ○ button when the cursor is near the center of the blue meter. Next, press the ✕ button, □ button, or ○ button again to determine the distance.

DEFENSE

Move player	Analog stick
Switch player (direction of Analog stick selects player)	✕ button
Direct swap	L button (twice) + □ button, ✕ button, ○ button, or △ button
Steal	□ button
Take a charge	L button (hold) + R button
Defensive stance/Box out	○ button (hold)
Jump to block/Rebound	△ button
Intentional foul	**SELECT** button
Last man back	✕ button (hold)
Turbo	R button (hold)
Quick play	Directional buttons

PLAYING THE GAME

King James ain't got nothin' on you. Take your place on the throne by earning jewels for The Crown (see below), the ultimate prize in *NBA LIVE 09*.

User Profiles

When you first begin playing *NBA LIVE 09*, and before you start checking items off your to-do list in The Crown, you are prompted to create a Profile which allows you to save personal statistics, accomplishments, and settings in various game modes to your Memory Stick Duo™.

Note: You have the option to create more than one Profile.

Note: All Profiles are managed from the Game Data menu.

TEAM SELECT SCREEN

Set up your next game by choosing two of your favorite NBA, FIBA, or All-Star teams for the upcoming game.

JERSEY SELECT SCREEN

Take to the court in style by choosing a Home, Away, or Alternate jersey prior to tip-off. Classic throw back jerseys can be unlocked (and available in all game modes) by completing challenges in-game.

Once the teams are set, play the role of head coach by adjusting the starting lineups from the Hot-Cold Players Screen.

Hot-Cold Players

Get strategic before tip-off by swapping hot and cold players in and out of the starting lineup. Hot players are identified by a flame icon; cold shooters by a snowflake. Once the game begins you have the option to bring benched players back into the game (via the pause menu).

NEW Player Hotspots

Be sure to do your homework before the game begins by identifying a player's hot—and cold—spots on the court. Pull up the Hotspot grid (by double-tapping the △ button) and study it like a map. Games can be won or lost based on what you do with this information.

When shooting from a red area on the court, a player is more likely to make the shot. When shooting from a blue area, the odds of making the basket decrease. Blank areas represent neutral spots where the player is neither hot nor cold.

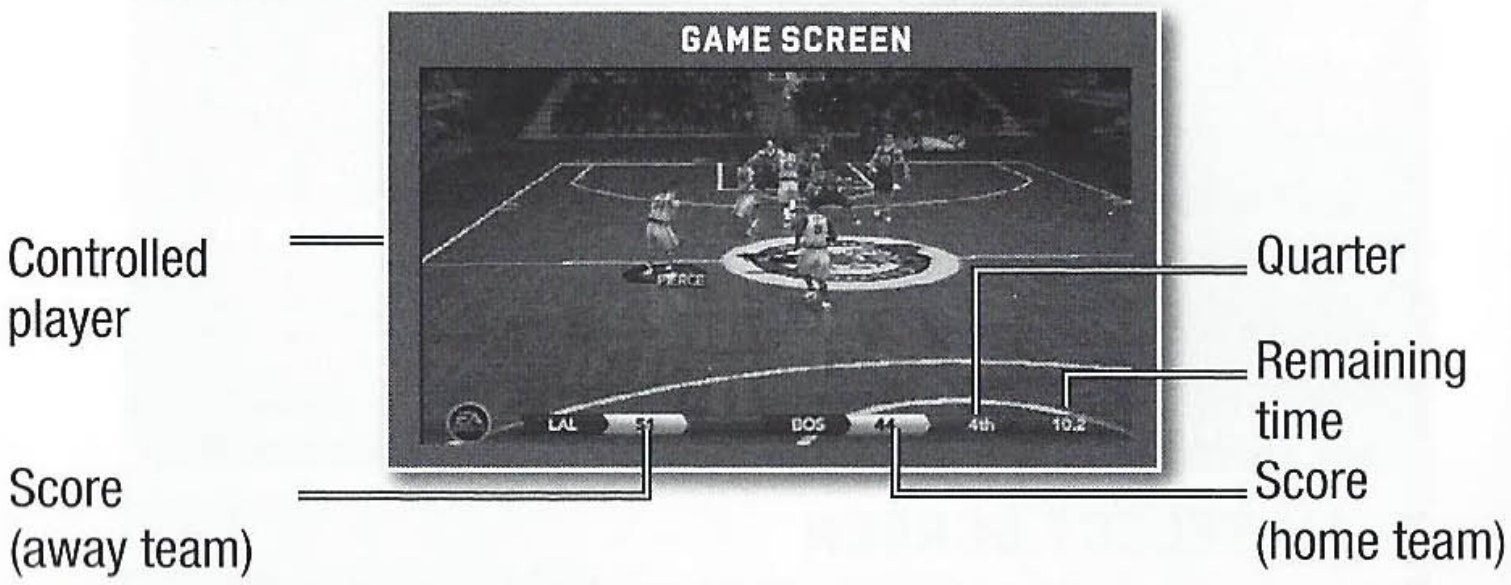
SETTINGS

Create a game atmosphere that best suits your playing style. Game Type allows you to choose between an Arcade or Simulation game experience. Select the skill level for the next game, along with quarter length, arena location, and camera

view, rules and game type. You can also adjust the rules and preferences from the Options screen (via the pause menu) once the game begins.

ON THE COURT

GAME SCREEN



QUICK PLAYS

Direct traffic on both ends of the court by calling a Quick Play. On offense, you can run Isolation, Post Up, Pick-and-Roll, or Basket Cut plays. On defense, the 2-3 Zone, Double Team, Full Court Man-to-Man, and Half Court Man-to-Man defensive options are available. Double tap the Directional buttons on offense or defense to bring up a whole set of plays that can be customized via the Playbook screen in the pause menu.

ROLE ICONS

There are players, and then there are role players. Some players simply play the game while others own it. Know what a player's specialty is with the help of on-court role icons. There are three in all: Generic (no icon), Star, and Superstar.

NEW PLAYER DNA

Player tendencies are tracked like never before. *NBA LIVE 09* breaks down player stats and identifies teams that a player performs well against, and those that they don't. Look for this info in the Hot-Cold Screen.

GO-TO MOVE

Sometimes you have to create your own opportunities on the court, and nothing will get you to the hole with more showmanship than a Go-To Move. Your favorite signature ballhandling and shooting techniques have been re-created, including familiar fadeaways, step-backs, dunks, putbacks,

and more. Take further command of the game by mastering the signature moves of the NBA's elite. If you're in the right spot, a superstar like Kobe Bryant will uncork his deadly accurate fadeaway shot. See what your star players can do and unveil your most dominating Go-To Move when you need it most in *NBA LIVE 09*.

PLAYER LOCK

Control an individual player on the floor—with or without the ball—with the Player Locked feature. Playing the game as the same player, call for passes, have a teammate shoot, or call a screen—all with a push of a button.

FREESTYLE DRIBBLING

Express yourself with the Freestyle control. While handling the ball, press the L button + ▢ button, ✕ button, ○ button, or △ button (while moving the Analog stick) to break out a Freestyle move. Freestyle dribbling is one of the best ways to create scoring opportunities—and express your individual style.

SAVING AND LOADING

Before exiting a game mode or a menu where changes have been made, be sure to save your progress to your Memory Stick Duo™. All unsaved information will be lost otherwise.

GAME MODES

ALL-STAR WEEKEND

Catch fire under the desert sun by lighting up the league's best during the 2009 All-Star game in Phoenix, Arizona. Get a glimpse of the future by running with rookies and sophomores in the Rookie Challenge, or see if you can constantly hit from downtown during the 3-Point Shootout. Think you have hops? If so, find out if you're skilled enough to rise high above the rim during the Slam Dunk Contest. Wrap up the festivities by playing side-by-side against the best athletes in the world during the NBA All-Star Game. It's East vs. West in this action-packed, winner-take all game set in the US Airways Center.

ALL-STAR WEEKEND CONTROLS

THREE-POINT SHOOTOUT

Pick up ball	R button/Directional button ➡
Jump/Shoot	▢ button, ✕ button, ○ button, or △ button (press to jump; release to shoot)

SLAM DUNK CONTEST (WHILE DRIBBLING/ON GROUND)

Move player	Analog stick
Ball toss	Directional buttons
Trick modifier	L button / R button
1 Foot Gather	□ button
2 Foot Gather	○ button
1 Foot 180 Gather	△ button
2 Foot 180 Gather	✕ button
Toss off Jumbotron (left/right)	**SELECT** button + Directional buttons + L button/ R button
Toss off crane camera	**SELECT** button + Directional buttons + L button + R button

SLAM DUNK CONTEST (MID-AIR)

Rotate player (on 180 Gathers)	Analog stick
Dunk modifier	L button/ R button

DYNASTY MODE™

Take the helm of your favorite NBA franchise—both on and off the court. As General Manager, head coach, and player, see if you have what it takes to build the league's next dynasty.

HOW TO RUN THE FRANCHISE

Dynasty Mode operates on a year-round NBA calendar so be prepared to handle the duties in the front office and from the bench for multiple seasons. After choosing a team and selecting your settings, season one begins. Build your team from the ground up by hiring your coaching staff (with crafty contract negotiation tactics), running your team's training camp sessions, and conducting the rookie player draft. You can operate these milestones yourself or have the CPU simulate them for you. In addition, you're not carrying the load entirely by yourself. Your assistants, scouting, and medical staff are there to help and will take some of the responsibilities off of your plate.

Before you start making key decisions, be sure to check your PDA (press the **SELECT** button) for messages from the league, team owner, and more that can help determine the success of your franchise.

DURING THE SEASON

SCHEDULE

Once the pre-season activities conclude, the regular season begins. After reviewing your schedule, you have the option to play or simulate games on the calendar all the way until the end of postseason when the next NBA champion is crowned.

GM'S DESK/ROSTER MANAGEMENT

From the Dynasty Central menu you will find the GM's Desk, Roster Management screen, and more. For off the court news, view the list of free agents, and more from the GM's desk. From the Roster Management screen you can reorder rosters, sign, release, and trade players.

Team/Player Chemistry

In Dynasty Mode it's more important than ever to keep every player on your roster happy. To do so, make sure you balance playing time and get the ball in your superstar's hands when the game is on the line. Each player's happiness affects his overall performance and willingness to re-sign with your team after his contract expires.

Player Development

Mold a player to best suit the needs of your team. This feature tracks an individual player's rating over the course of a month. You can have your players become more defensively and offensively aware or increase physical strength and stamina by working directly with your training and coaching staff. The coaches ratings and specialties factor into the equation of successful player development, so make sure you hire accordingly.

SEASON

If you don't have the stamina to run a franchise for multiple years in Dynasty Mode, you can still make a run for the championship by playing a 29-, 58-, or 82-game season. In Season mode, trades and roster moves such as signing and releasing players are allowed.

PLAYOFFS

Skip directly to the time of year where winning isn't everything—it's the only thing. Take part in the most grueling and exciting point of the season—the postseason, where your conference rivals will do everything it takes to send you home packing. Put it all on the line by participating in a traditional format or customize a tournament of your own. Sixteen teams, one champion. Are you strong enough to run the table and make it all the way to the NBA Finals?

NEW FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

With 24 national teams to choose from, compete in an international tournament using authentic FIBA rosters and teams, including, the United States, Spain, France, Argentina, Brazil, Lithuania, Greece, Puerto Rico, and more. The world is now yours.

During the preliminary round, teams are divided into four groups. While the championship is underway, each team plays a total of five games, receiving two points per victory and one point for a loss. At the conclusion of the preliminary round, the top four teams from each group advance, and a 16-team single-elimination tournament begins.

MINI GAMES

Put on a clinic in these competitive mini-games and demonstrate who's got game.

2 Ball — Lay claim to having the purest jumper in the land in this pulse-pounding shooting game. Shoot from designated point areas around the floor and collect bonuses such as 4x and 2x multipliers to rack up points in a hurry. You can also dunk from the 1 point areas, which can help you obtain the Iron Ball power-up. In addition, you can pick up the ice icon to freeze your opponent in their tracks. The first player to score 25/50/75 points wins.

Handles — Complete combos to keep your dribble alive. Using the Directional buttons, test your hand-eye prowess by pressing the corresponding arrows before the meter runs out.

2 on 2 — Old school streetball debuts in *NBA LIVE 09* with the 2 on 2 mini-game. Pit two of your favorite NBA players against two of their fiercest rivals and have them battle it out in this classic, neighborhood-style hoops game. As expected, converted baskets are worth one point (or two from behind the arc) and the winning team must win by two points. In addition, Power Ups alter gameplay in a major way. Players can increase a basket's point value by draining a shot with the x2, x3, or x4 power up, or decrease their opponent's overall point total by one with the x-1 power up. But wait, there's more. Players can/will:

Increase their accuracy with the Shoot From Anywhere power up.

Increase their speed with the Double Speed power up.

Slow an opponent down with a Slow-Mo power up.

Temporarily stop an opponent from moving with a Freeze power up.

Reverse an opponent's Analog stick or Directional buttons with a Reverse Direction power up.

Ensure a rebound after a missed shot or swipe the ball away on defense with a Boomerang power up.

Miss a shot with the Heavy Metal Ball power up.

MINI-GAME CONTROLS

2 BALL

Move player	Analog stick
Shoot	◉ button
Turbo	R button (hold)

HANDLES

Complete combos	Directional buttons
Time shift	R button

MULTIPLAYER

Take on friends, family, and rivals sitting across the room with *NBA LIVE 09* Ad Hoc play.

MULTIPLAYER GAME MODES

5 on 5 Take part in a traditional Play Now 5-on-5 basketball game.

2 Ball Prove you can shoot—or dunk—the lights out in this pulse-pounding mini-game.

NOTE: Refer to earlier sections of the manual for more basic information on 5-on-5 and 2 Ball gameplay.

THE CROWN

In *NBA LIVE 09*, transform into basketball royalty and earn rewards fit for a king with The Crown, an all-encompassing system that tallies your accomplishments and statistics in four areas of gameplay: 5-on-5, Manager Modes, All-Star, and Mini Games. Ascend to the throne and become a legend.

Accomplishments

The more accomplishments you complete, the more you unlock. Rise through the ranks even faster by taking on higher level accomplishments, such as gold and platinum, as they elevate your rank more swiftly than lower level accomplishments. Accumulate accomplishments in each of the game modes and watch your crown become adorned with regal gems.

Unique Challenges

If you are looking for perks, Unique Challenges give you plenty of opportunity to unlock enticing incentives as well as bolstering your rank. Complete these special objectives and earn Hardwood Classics game jerseys, gain access to illustrious All-Star team rosters of decades gone by, and seemingly countless other bonuses that will compliment your rising status in the basketball hierarchy.

Go-To Player/Team

Some players fill roles on the court while others establish themselves as the one who wants the game in his hands. See who your Go-To Player is by maximizing his performance over a minimum of five games. You're not limited to individual players, either. Dominate with one team and turn a franchise into an upper echelon squad by becoming a Go-To Team.